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THREE MEN KILLED, FOURTH MAY SUCCUMB

Charley Laquire Fires Fatal Shots Into Bodies of Two Men and Wounds Tom McCombs Before Taking Own Life.

The State.

Greenwood, Oct. 8.—Using three bullets from a 32 calibre pistol Charley Laquire, a chaingang guard, last night killed three men, including himself, and with two shots probably fatally wounded a fourth. The tragedy occurred at the county farm about four miles east of town.

The dead are: Milton Townsend, manager of the county farm and alms house, Pamp Davis, his father-in-law, and Charley Laquire, the guard who killed these two men and then killed himself. Tom McCombs, captain of the county gangs and a brother of Supervisor J. B. McCombs, was shot twice through the right lung and although still alive this evening, his condition is regarded as mighty precarious and his chances of recovery are very slight.

Charley Laquire, the guard who ran amuck, came to town yesterday to attend the circus. He was told by McCombs to be back at the farm at 5 o'clock. Laquire began drinking when he reached town and was in an ugly mood all the afternoon. He started a row in a pool room and once or twice pulled out his pistol and threatened to "shoot up" somebody.

He did not leave town until late, reaching the farm a little after 7 o'clock. Tom McCombs was sitting in a buggy in front of the residence occupied by Manager Townsend. He was expecting to come to town himself and was waiting for Laquire to return. He says he remarked to Laquire that he was late and was about to keep the others from going to the night performance of the show. Without a word in reply but with an oath Laquire pulled his pistol and fired twice at McCombs, both shots taking effect in the right lung. As McCombs crumpled up on the buggy seat, Mr. Davis, who lives with Townsend, his son-in-law, and who was standing near, remarked, "Why Charley, you have killed Mr. Tom." Without a word Laquire fired at him, one shot piercing him in the abdomen. Just as he fell, Townsend, who was eating supper, rushed out of the house and started down the front path, calling out to know what was the matter. Laquire fired once at him 30 yards away. He too fell with a wound through his body.

Laquire then walked in the house where Mrs. Townsend and children were, went into the room he occupied, remained about a minute and walked back down the front path. McCombs saw him returning and is said to have said to him, "Well, Charley, you have killed three or us." Answering that was what he started out to do, Laquire placed the pistol against his own temple and fired and with that fifth bullet ended his own life.

Townsend, Davis and McCombs were rushed to the Greenwood hospital. Davis and Townsend lived only two hours. McCombs is still living but his chances are very slight.

McCombs is a brother of supervisor Jim McCombs. He has a wife and two small children. Townsend leaves a wife and three small children. His father-in-law, Mr. Davis, has been living with him for the past few years. His wife is dead.

Laquire, who did the shooting, leaves a wife and two children. All are natives of this county. Laquire was reared at Callison, Townsend and Davis are from the Cokesbury section of the county and McCombs has lived near town most of his life.

It is believed that Laquire had a grudge against McCombs, fearing that he was about to lose his job. It was reported that Laquire had been very active in behalf of another candidate for supervisor against McCombs brother and as McCombs was elected Laquire thought he might lose his job. He was regarded as dangerous when drunk and having become crazed with whiskey yesterday he went wild and in the last hours of the day placed on the county the

SCHOOL NOTES

Do it for Newberry.

Do what? You naturally ask.

Always and ever anything that will make Newberry a bigger, better, more beautiful town to live in.

But right now, on the twentieth of the month, do a man's part or a woman's part to make the first entertainment given this year by the Newberry schools a real success. The details of this entertainment will be published later.

The public schools of a city are one thing that belongs to everybody. Stores belong to merchants, homes to individuals, but the schools to everybody. Twenty years from today the working citizens of Newberry will be composed chiefly of the girls and boys now being trained in the public schools of Newberry. Whether they will be working for a good town or a poor one will depend on the training the citizens of Newberry give them now.

Realizing that parents should know what the schools are trying to do, how they are hampered, and what their needs are, the teachers and parents have formed associations.

At present there is a flourishing Parent-Teacher's association at Boundary Street School. Both schools have god, well equipped buildings, but at each school some things are needed. Boundary Street school has an auditorium, but it is not furnished with seats. This means that the school cannot assemble as a whole. The school ought to be a unit, ought to do things together. Assembling the children in one room for opening exercises would help them catch the spirit of working together for the good of the whole. They will be better citizens in the future if they learn this lesson in school days.

The two associations will divide the proceeds of the entertainment, and each will apply its share to what it need most now.

Mr. Wallace Prior, the principal of the High School, was born in Fayetteville, N. C. When he was a small boy his parents moved to Belton, S. C. where he attended the graded school for five years. He attended the Anderson high school for one year, after which he won a scholarship to the Citadel. He took a high stand at the Citadel, being chosen, on the completion of his course, to represent his class as the commencement orator. He was interested in the library society, serving as its president for several terms. His interest in the other features of the institution was no less keen. He was lieutenant of his company, and took an active part in all forms of athletics.

On his graduation from the Citadel, Mr. Prior was principal for one year of the school at Monetta, S. C. The next year he went to Virginia, where he served as instructor and assistant commandant of the Blackstone Military Academy. The summer of 1915 he spent at Nashville, Tenn., attending the summer session of the George Peabody College for Teachers. Mr. Prior is a member of the Presbyterian church.

Dr. Kinard is in correspondence with the War Department and hopes to have guns for the cadets of the high school as soon as they are needed.

Last year the State of Indiana appointed October 7th as "Riley Day" in that state. On Thursday morning at the high school Dr. Kinard told the story of Riley's life, and read several selections from his work. On Friday the children of the Speers street school devoted one period to Riley. Several interesting papers were read, and three or four of the children gave recitations. Mrs. R. D. Wright read the famous "Bear" story. Another pleasing feature of the entertainment was the recitation in concert of "Little Orphan Annie" by several members of the sixth grade.

Some of the grades are very full;

greatest tragedy in its history for which one man can be held accountable.

WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION MEETS IN NEWBERRY

The Woman's Missionary union of the Second presbytery of the A. R. P. synod held their annual meeting in the Newberry church October 4th and 5th. The attendance was good and the spirit of interest and enthusiasm was manifest in all the sessions of the union. The delegates were entertained in the homes of the city with lunch at the church on Wednesday and Thursday.

The president of the union is Mrs. M. W. Rhodes of Louisville, Ga., and the secretary, Mrs. C. E. Miller of Atlanta. These were most efficient and kept the business of the union well in hand.

The words of welcome were spoken by Mrs. W. Y. Fair, to which response was made by Mrs. Rhodes.

In addition to the regular business of the union a number of interesting and helpful conferences were held. On Wednesday morning a conference was held on the thank offerings with Mrs. J. M. Cuddy of Troy, S. C., as the leader. The thank offerings are devoted to the Mountain mission and nets a goodly sum for this encouraging work. Mrs. J. I. Brownlee of Anderson led the conference on the Journal of Missions, the magazine published by the union. It was the unanimous testimony that the journal is a great help to the societies in keeping in touch with the work and arranging their progress. Arrangement was made to double the number of copies at once.

The conference on tithing was under the direction of Mr. R. D. Bryson of Clinton and proved a very interesting discussion. Mrs. W. B. Lindsay of Charlotte who is the synodical secretary of junior work was present and led the discussion Friday morning on this department of work. The Ladies societies are charged with this work and the splendid possibilities of this kind of work were set forth by a number of speakers.

The discussion of the Orphanage work led the union to create a special department to look after this part of the work. Mrs. I. H. Hunt of Newberry was made secretary of this department and will edit a page in the Journal of Missions in the interest of the orphanage.

Mrs. R. D. Bryson gave a demonstration of Mission Study class. She spoke of the importance of missionary instruction, and said that the study class was one of the most effective means of imparting missionary information. Mrs. Bryson made suggestions as to textbook to be used and how well the book fits the present world situation.

The evening sessions were devoted to popular addresses on missions. Mrs. J. G. Dale who was the first medical missionary sent out by the A. R. P. church, and who did a most telling work in Mexico till the missionaries were forced to retire from that field spoke on Wednesday evening. Her message was full of heart and sympathy and moved the whole congregation to a deeper interest in Mexico and the people who have not had a chance to know the true way of life.

Dr. G. G. Parkinson of the Erskine Theological seminary delivered a strong missionary sermon on Thursday evening on the text: "How beautiful are the feet of them that preach of peace, and bring glad tidings of good things!" Rom. 10:15. This sermon was vigorous in thought and presented in his clear and forcible style.

The ladies were well pleased with the fine hospitality shown by the Newberry people, and many expressed the opinion that all things considered this was one of the best meetings ever held by the union.

In fact too full for comfort and good teaching. In the fifth grade at both Boundary and Speers has an enrollment of 50 each.

Newberry is growing and it will be necessary to do something very soon to make proper provision for the increased number of children in the schools.

GERMAN SUBMARINE ARM TOUCHES UNITED STATES

Four British, One Norwegian and One Dutch Steamers Attacked by Under Sea Craft.

Boston, Oct. 8.—The Submarine arm of the imperial German navy ravaged shipping off the eastern coast of the United States today.

Four British, one Dutch and one Norwegian steamers were sent to the bottom or left crippled derelicts off Nantucket shoals.

Tonight, under the light of the Hunter's moon, the destroyer flotilla of the United States Atlantic fleet was picking up passengers and crews of the destroyed vessels and bringing them into Newport, R. I.

So far as is known there was no loss of life though at a late hour the crew of the British steamer Kingston had not been accounted for. A submarine held up the American steamer Kansan bound from New York for Genoa with steel for the Italian government, but later, on establishing her identity, allowed her to proceed. The Kansan came into Boston harbor late tonight for her usual call here.

The hostile submarine is believed to be the U-53 which paid a call to Newport yesterday and disappeared at sunset. Some naval men, however, declared that at least two submarines are operating close to the American shore, though outside of the three mile limit.

ANOTHER NEGRO KILLED WAS AT SOCIETY MEETING

Spence Werts, principal, and Henry Scurry, accessory, are in jail for the killing of Clinton Sims at the meeting Friday night of the Union Beneficent society at James Hopewell church. A full account of the tragedy is to be gathered from the mass of evidence before the coroner's jury, which is published below.

The first intimation here of the killing was a message to the sheriff's office Friday night. Sheriff Blease was absent, in Fernandiana, Fla., whither he had gone with Magistrate Henry Dorroh to bring to Newberry Marshall Vance, colored, wanted here for the killing of his wife sixteen years ago, an account of which may be found in another column.

Upon receipt of the information of the row at Hopewell Deputies Dorroh, Taylor and Melton, with Policeman Stone of the city department, went to the scene, a short distance from Ebenezer church. They arrested Spence Werts and Henry Scurry and brought them to jail, arriving here about day-break Saturday.

Corner Lindsay went down and held the inquest, which began at nine o'clock Saturday morning, closing at one p. m. The report is as follows:

Copy of Testimony at Coroner's inquest of the dead body of Clinton Sims colored, Oct. 7, 1916.

Clarence Butler, sworn, said: At James Hopewell church on the night of the 6th of October, 1916, I was door marshal in the lower door in the Society Union Benefit. I heard such a fuss up there upstairs. I went upstairs to see, what was the matter. When I got up there Spence Werts was talking some rough talk to the secretary, Sylvester Reeder; something concerning about money to pay to a sick lady; and then Lizzie Werts she goes in and starts the fuss; and then one word brought on another, and then Clinton Sims he came there and tried to quiet her, and he could not quiet her; and then he told Spence Werts if he did not be quiet here he would put him out doors.

Lizzie Werts told him, Clinton Sims, rough, he was not going to put him out, because he paid as much money as any one. Then Clinton Sims said, "Yes, I will put you out." Then I said to Clinton Sims, "Don't you push her or hit her, Lizzie Werts; liable to be a bigger fuss than it is." Then I went on away from there—about two or three steps from there. I heard Henry Scurry say, "I want you all to stop this fuss. If you don't I will get you fired." Clinton Sims, Spence Werts and Lizzie Werts and Henry Scurry went back toward the steps, and after that the pistol fired Spence Werts, Henry Scurry, Lizzie Werts and Clinton Sims were the only ones

List of Nominations Is Published To-day

Every Reader of The Herald and News is Invited To Encourage Their Friends by Voting For Them in the Great Circulation Campaign—Clip the Coupons, Vote Early and Vote Often.

The Herald and News today presents the first published list of the ladies who are nominated in the Great Circulation Campaign. There is published the names of ladies who have been nominated by their friends for the honors and awards that will be made by The Herald and News on December 2nd.

No doubt every one of the ladies whose names are mentioned, deserve to receive an automobile. Of course not all of them can do so, and it is up to the patrons of the Herald and News to decide who will be awarded the Maxwell Touring Car, the Columbia Graphophone, the Diamond Ring, also the other prizes and cash awards. However, every one who participates in this Campaign will positively receive a reward.

Now, Mr. Reader, look over the list and see if the name of your favorite is included in this first published list. If it is there, it is up to you to communicate with them at once and assure them of your support throughout the campaign. If you do not find the name of your favorite, you should, at once, send in her name so it may be included in the list that will be published in our next issue. Your single word of encouragement, even though it is not at once, accompanied by the all important subscription, may

fussing. Spence Werts, Lizzie Werts and Henry Scurry went at once for some of some other parts unknown.

Clarence Butler, (His Mark.) Clarence Butler, recalled, says: I heard Spence Werts said he heard Clinton Sims shot himself.

Clarence Butler, (His Mark.) Hamp Butler, sworn, says: Was at James Hopewell church on the night of October 6, 1916. All I saw was Spence Werts, Clinton Sims and Henry Scurry got into a fuss. Clinton Sims was trying to stop the fuss between Spence Werts and Henry Scurry—to be quiet. Then the president ordered me to sing a hymn, and then he dismissed. No one was fussing. Spence Werts and Henry Scurry, both were fussing at Clinton Sims. Spence Werts and Henry Scurry got their transfer cards from this lodge that night of the killing. Spence Werts, Henry Scurry and Clinton Sims were at the stairway going down the steps when the pistol fired.

Hampton Butler. Jeff Goldman, sworn said: Was at James Hopewell church on the night of the 6th of October. I joined the lodge last night for the first time. After joining the lodge there were 18 members of our lodge resigned and transferred to Rock Hill lodge. Henry Scurry and Spence Werts raised a row with Clinton Sims. Clinton Sims was the marshal in to through fussing. Clinton Sims was trying to keep down the fuss. Then Clinton Sims pushed Spence Werts and told him to be quiet. Spence Werts said, "Let me alone." Then Spence Werts' wife, Lizzie Werts, said to Clinton Sims, "Keep your hands off of him." Then Lizzie Werts pushed Clinton Sims. Clinton Sims pushed Lizzie Werts away. Clarence Butler said, "Don't push her; don't hit her; do there will be a bigger fuss." Jeff Galman went to a table pretty short after that, toward the steps. I heard a scramble and a pistol shot. I heard no one fussing but Spence Werts, Henry Scurry and Clinton Sims. When I went down the steps Clinton Sims was lying on his back dead. Then I saw a pistol on the floor about his feet. Some one said that he shot himself. I picked up the pistol and unbreached it, there were all the balls in the pistol not shot. I gave the pistol to Mr. Dorroh.

Jefferson Graham. George Reeder, sworn, said: I was at James Hopewell church on the

have the effect of giving your friend just the lift that she needs to help her on the road to success. At any rate it will not cost you anything.

The extremely high value of the prizes given in this Campaign, are well worth the little effort that will be required of those to whom they will be awarded. The ladies who will get them will start at once with a spirit of determination that will be productive of results in proportion to the amount of encouragement they receive from their friends.

Nominations Open.

Nominations will not close with the publication of this list. The Campaign has just started, so there is plenty of time left for anyone to enter. At this stage of the Campaign, those who have entered have mainly been busying themselves with becoming familiar with the rules and conditions under which the Campaign must be conducted. Later they will commence the work of vote getting.

The list that is published today contains only the first group who have been nominated and have considered entering the Campaign actively. Many of these will drop out and many others will start later on. In fact, it is probable that the second publication will bear a very considerably altered aspect as the result of new nominations during the coming week.

George Reeder.

William M. Dorroh, sworn, said: Last night Mr. Taylor and Mr. Melton and I arrested Spence Werts and Henry Scurry; both of them denied knowing that any one was killed last night, and did not know that any one was even hurt, and just thought some one had shot a pistol.

Wm. M. Dorroh.

John Gilbreath, sworn, said: Was at James Hopewell church on the night of Oct. 6, 1916. I was at the cooking of the barbecue last night, and I heard a pistol shot, and I went to the lodge, and met Spence Werts and Lizzie Werts, Henry Scurry and Mina Scurry leaving the hall just after the pistol fired. I asked Spence Werts who was shot up there. Spence Werts said "Clinton Sims shot his own self."

John Griffith, (His Mark.)

Sylvester Reeder, sworn, says: Was at James Hopewell church the night of Oct. 6, 1916. I have heard the evidence of John Gilbreath, and would state the same that John Gilbreath has stated.

Sylvester Reeder.

Thomas Houseal, sworn, says: Was at James Hopewell church the night of Oct. 6, 1916. I was in the hall and heard a pistol shot. I heard Spence Werts, Henry Scurry and Clinton Sims fussing just before the pistol fired at the top of the steps. I did not hear any one else fussing.

Thomas Houseal, (His Mark.)

This is to certify that I have this day examined the dead body of Clinton Sims, colored, and find a gunshot wound entering the body at the right shoulder, just above the armpit, and coming out at the exit wound at two and a half inches from the chest bone, between second and third ribs, on left side of chest. I removed the bullet under the skin at the exit wound.

W. E. Pelham, Jr., M. D.

October, 7, 1916.

The coroner's jury was composed of J. M. K. Bushardt, foreman; J. F. Summer, F. P. Cousins, W. P. Lathrop, M. L. Cousins and J. H. Willingham. They rendered a verdict that "Clinton Sims came to his death from a pistol shot and wound inflicted by the hands of Spence Werts on the 6th day of October, 1916, with Henry Scurry as accessory before the fact."